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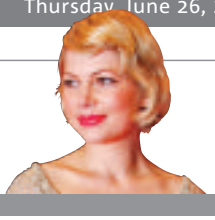

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Breastfeeding consultants quit positions

Health-care workers claim corporate bias in hospital seminars

By **ANDREA WOO**
for Metro Vancouver

Two lactation consultants quit their jobs at Burnaby General Hospital earlier this week in response to tensions over corporate influence of breastfeeding seminars.

Renee Hefti-Graham and Linda Good say that the seminars, put on by Nestlé and replete with food and drinks, are unscientific and biased and that it is unethical for the multinational company to be influencing health care workers by promoting its own products.

"They're not allowed to wine and dine us and give us information about how to manage infant feeding because the information's usually not scientific," said Hefti-Graham, who had been at the hospital for about five years. "It's usually biased information."

Savik Sidhu, spokesman for the Fraser Health Authority, said that there was no official partnership with the company, but rather it was an independent seminar to which staff at several hospitals was invited.

Hefti-Graham and Good say it was a small number of patient care co-ordinators who repeatedly forwarded the invites despite being told not to and that the hospital as a whole is not to blame.

"It's actually the third time in two years that one of the patient care co-ordinators has made arrangements for an event with Nestlé, and every time she's been told she's not allowed to do this," said Hefti-Graham.

"It makes it seem as if (the hospital is) endorsing it," said Good, who had been at Burnaby General for 20 years.

A seminar that markets breast milk substitutes would violate a World Health Organization order, both women say.

They also stress that they are not against the use of formulas, but that women need to be provided with accurate, unbiased information before making the decision.

"Women in Canada are suffering, paying the price for these free meals, because of health care workers being influenced," said Good. She added that in a letter to pro-breastfeeding activists, B.C. Health Minister George Abbott said "it is clear that Nestlé is violating the code."

The most recent Nestlé seminar, scheduled for June 12, was cancelled.

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Circus, Circus

Cirque Du Soleil cast members put on a free show at Metropolis at Metrotown yesterday. The artists performed scenes from their latest production, Corteo, which is in Vancouver until July 20.

Women, or docs, choosing the knife?

Some women may be too posh to push. On the other hand, some doctors may be too petrified for women to push as well.

Yesterday, the Society for Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada warned that caesarean-section rates are at an all time high in Canada. More than 25 per cent of women now go under the knife to deliver their baby, up from 17 per cent in 1993.

Dr. Donna Stewart, professor and chair of women's health at the University Health Network and University of Toronto, said obstetricians and gynecologists traditionally carry the highest medical malpractice premiums and said the current litigious climate in Canada, along with our society's refusal to accept bad outcomes, even where there is no fault, may make doctors consider performing a c-section over a natural birth. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICES**

Canucks claim Wellwood off waivers

Kyle Wellwood doesn't own a TV, but hopes to crack prime time next season as a top six forward with the Vancouver Canucks.

"I didn't like the distraction," said the 25-year-old centre, who the Canucks claimed off waivers yesterday from the Toronto Maple Leafs. "I just like having other things to do. The hockey season is busy enough."

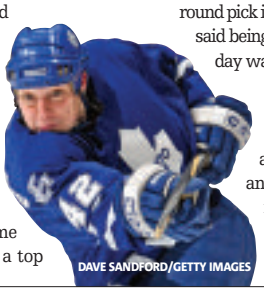
Wellwood admitted the market's intense hockey scrutiny was a also "small reason" for not owning a set.

He recorded 21 points in 58 games last season while fighting a groin injury. He's had three surgeries on it and feels he's "over the hump" and is ready for a fresh start in Vancouver.

"I just hope that I can come in and play as a top six forward."

Wellwood was the Leaf's fifth round pick in 2001 (134th overall) and said being placed on waivers Tuesday was a business decision.

"It's tough to leave your friends and your first NHL team, but going to another Canadian city and getting a fresh start feels great." **JEFF HODSON/ METRO VANCOUVER**



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Beijing 2008 organizers confirmed yesterday the cancellation of the international leg of the Paralympic torch relay, which was scheduled to pass through Vancouver and Whistler. Officials blamed the May 12 earthquake, which killed nearly 70,000 people.

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Hollow tree nears end

Park icon readied for final chop

By **ANDREA WOO**
for Metro Vancouver

Under different circumstances, it could have been a tree climber's paradise. With wires, bolts and scaffolding affixed to its thousand-year-old trunk, Stanley Park's hollow tree looked like an active kid's dream come true yesterday.

The reason for the apparatus was considerably less magical, however: Workers were preparing the tree to be cut down, strengthening the trunk to keep it from splintering.

Bruce Macdonald, a local author and heritage advocate, said the tree is an iconic symbol and cutting it down is clearly wrong.

"It's not just a tree in the woods," he said. "It's listed as a heritage monument in the Vancouver heritage inventory."

RAFE ARNOTT/METRO VANCOUVER

Carpenter Vlado Mofarodin works to shore-up and brace Stanley Park's world-famous hollow tree before it is cut down and transported.

On March 31, the Vancouver Parks Board voted 6-0 in favour of chopping it, saying it was a "public safety concern" because it may topple.

Macdonald argues the tree just needs to have its foundation strengthened.

Instead, the park board plans to turn it on its side, cut it down its length and spread the halves so that visitors can walk through as it slowly rots over the years.

Parks board chairwoman Korina Houghton said the tree would be cut by the long weekend, though workers yesterday said it could take a couple weeks to fully prepare the tree.

denied

» The Vancouver Park Board denied an offer by the University of B.C. to relocate the tree to its Point Grey campus.

Two B.C. MPs climb ranks in latest Tory cabinet shuffle

By **JOYCE YIP**
for Metro Vancouver

Two B.C. Conservative MPs benefited from yesterday's federal shuffle after the resignation of former foreign affairs minister Maxime Bernier.

Vancouver-Kingsway Conservative MP David Emerson is the new foreign affairs minister, a post he held on an interim basis after Bernier quit.

Port Moody-Coquitlam-Port Coquitlam MP James Moore became secretary of state for official languages, the Asia-Pacific gateway and the 2010 Olympics — a post formerly held by Emerson.

Asked what Canadians should read into his third shuffle in 2 1/2 years, the prime minister was brief.

"We're on track, and we're going to stay on track," Stephen Harper said.

Bernier resigned last month after he left classified documents at the house of an ex-girlfriend, who had allegedly been involved with a criminal biker gang.

After the Liberals lost the 2006 election, Emerson jumped to the Tory ranks, lured with a cabinet post. The defection battered Emerson's reputation and sparked protests in his Vancouver riding, but he proved himself valuable on difficult files like the softwood lumber dispute with the United States.

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»news In Brief

» **ASSAULT** A West Vancouver stockbroker was punched in the face and pepper sprayed at his front door after refusing cookies and flowers from someone claiming to be a Mothers Against Drunk Driving representative, cknw.com reports. The man claims he later received a call from someone telling him he should have accepted the flowers.

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Cops on lookout for white van

Vehicle likely used in theft of park statue: Police

By **JEFF HODSON**
Metro Vancouver

Thieves likely used a white panel van when they absconded with a 140-kilogram bronze statue from Queen Elizabeth Park last week, Vancouver police and parks staff said yesterday.

The statue, one of four in J. Seward Johnson's sculpture Photo Session, was stolen last Thursday from its home on the peak of Little Mountain. Police fear it will be melted for scrap.

more thefts

» Police said yesterday that eight copper post caps were also stolen from the park the same night as the statue.

"There was some tire tracks at the site," said Alex Downie, a park supervisor at Queen Elizabeth Park. "We feel that they backed the truck, or the van, right up to it and used it to pry the sculpture forward."

The statue, of a woman with a handbag, was cast of bronze and weighed around 140 kilograms. Downie said it would have taken at least two men to carry.

"It's too bad," Downie said. "We haven't looked into contacting the artist. We don't even know if he's still alive."

The artist, J. Seward Johnson, 78, a sculptor from New Jersey, was on vacation and learned about the theft through media reports, said Amy Blank, an assistant curator at Seward's California gallery, The Sculpture Foundation.

Staff were searching for the original mold in order to make a replacement statue, Blank said, but she warned that the plaster-like molds degrade overtime and might not be useable.

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Supermarket strike looms

By **ANDREA WOO**
for Metro Vancouver

Save-On-Foods workers may be hitting the picket lines this weekend after voting against the company's latest terms of settlement.

United Food and Commercial Workers Local 1518, the union that represents the more than 1,500 members working at 27 Save-On-Foods locations in the province, issued a 72-hour strike notice yesterday.

Ivan Limpright, president of UFCW Local 1518, said the union is steadfast in its decision.

"The terms of settlement do not meet their needs and they are willing to fight for more," he said in a statement. "We are prepared for a strike and … will continue to stand together in the fight for a contract that meets the needs of our members."

vote

» Union members voted 58 per cent in favour of rejecting Save-On's latest offer Tuesday.

Andy Neufeld, director of communications for UFCW, said the fight for better wages is a response to the rising cost of living.

Public Taser concern must be addressed: Commission chair

Second part of inquiry to focus on Dziekanski

« How can the public not have a right to say how it will be policed? »

RCMP public complaints commission chair Paul Kennedy

By **JEFF HODSON**
Metro Vancouver

Public concern over Taser use must be addressed or the RCMP risks losing public support, the chair of the RCMP public complaints commission said in Vancouver yesterday.

Paul Kennedy, speaking during the final day of the Braidwood Inquiry into stun gun use by B.C.'s municipal police forces, said the public has "grave concerns."

"The police can only perform their duties if they have the public's approval," Kennedy said. "How can the public not have a right to say how it will be policed?"

Last week, in his final RCMP-Taser report, Kennedy recommended that only experienced officers be issued the weapons and that they should only be used when there is risk of death or grievous harm.

Yesterday, Kennedy said the RCMP has not engaged the public in the Taser issue, nor had they explained their actions.

The inquiry heard from 46 presenters and received 43 written submissions. A report is due Nov. 30.

The second phase will focus on the death of Polish immigrant Robert Dziekanski at Vancouver's airport. It gets underway Oct. 20.

Special Olympics **Officer's torch run**

JEFF HODSON/METRO VANCOUVER

Vancouver Deputy Chief Bob Rich leads law enforcement officers along 12th avenue yesterday to raise awareness and funds for B.C. Special Olympics. Officers will run more than 100 kilometres over four days.

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» **DEATH** Police announced yesterday they have launched a homicide investigation after the death of a six-week-old Port Alberni baby Sunday. The boy's parents had taken him to a Vancouver Island hospital and he was transferred to Children's Hospital in Vancouver.

» **TARGETED** A 29-year-old Port Moody man found slumped over in a Mercedes and shot in the head Tuesday is expected to survive. Police believe it was a targeted attack and have assigned an officer to his hospital room.

» **GUILTY** The driver involved in a fatal hit-and-run has pleaded guilty. Aytar Singh Dhaliwal, 24, struck Doug Hall, 77, as he was walking along Capilano Road last October. METRO NEWS SERVICES

death

Boy found in pool dies in hospital

INJURIES One of the two children found unconscious in a North Delta pool on Sunday died in hospital yesterday.

B.C. Children's Hospital issued a statement from the parents saying Andrew, 33-months-old, died from his injuries, news1130.com reports.

The other boy, 23-month-old Timothy, is still at the hospital and is listed in serious condition.

The two tots were rushed to Royal Columbian hospital Sunday after being discovered unconscious in a backyard swimming pool near 90th Avenue and 116th Street.

The parents said his organs will be donated to others in need. METRO NEWS SERVICES

arrest

Long chase ends on SkyTrain tracks

NEW WESTMINSTER A man was finally arrested on the tracks at Rupert SkyTrain station yesterday, after he ran from a Jeep being pursued by police.

The suspect and a female driver were chased by police from New Westminster to Vancouver in the getaway Jeep Cherokee despite having two flat tires after going over a spike belt. The 24-year-old woman also hit other vehicles during the chase.

Once in Vancouver, the man ran to Rupert SkyTrain station, and jumped onto the tracks. Police sealed all exits, forcing the man to surrender before being transported back to the New Westminster Police Service.

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Statistics Canada reported yesterday that three in 10 Canadian households consumed bottled water as their primary drinking source in 2006. People in high-income homes were more likely to drink bottled water than people in low-income homes.

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Terror case continues

Khawaja labelled courier by witness

In the murky al-Qaeda underworld, Canadian Momin Khawaja was a courier, a bomb-maker and a steady source of cash, court was told yesterday.

E-mails and an eyewitness account showed that the accused 29-year-old terrorist was prepared to do whatever he could to support the jihadist movement based in Pakistan, including handing over thousands of dollars and recommending a suicide attack on Israel, the Crown's star witness, Mohammed Junaid Babar, testified.

Justice Douglas Rutherford of Ontario Superior Court heard that Khawaja carried on e-mail conversations about bomb-making in 2003, delivered items to al-Qaeda in Pakistan and provided a home for the "brothers" to stay in Rawalpindi. Khawaja is being tried by Rutherford without a jury.

deal

» Babar struck a deal with U.S. federal officials for a reduced sentence.

Khawaja has pleaded not guilty to seven offences, including helping to develop the bomb detonators, possession of explosives, helping to finance terrorist activity and receiving terrorist training.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Award Margaret Atwood

FRED THORNHILL/REUTERS

Canadian author Margaret Atwood, who has been awarded the Spanish Prince of Asturias Literature Prize, poses for a photograph in the garden of her Toronto home yesterday.

Maxime Bernier breaks his silence

Denies knowing of ex-girlfriend's ties to criminals

With his first public statement in over a month, Maxime Bernier yesterday denied his ex-girlfriend Julie Couillard ever told him about her past and criminal associations.

Bernier

Bernier, who resigned as foreign affairs minister in late May after learning he had left classified documents at Couillard's home, said the papers were briefing notes prepared for a NATO summit in early April.

He said he did not notice they were missing because their contents were not sensitive enough to warrant having a bar code attached, which would have allowed their location to be monitored.

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» **BLACK** A U.S. federal appeals court yesterday upheld the conviction of former press baron Conrad Black and three ex-colleagues found guilty last year of defrauding shareholders of Hollinger.

» **ONTARIO** Anthony Hanemaayer's lawyers said yesterday they hope the 20 years he spent in jail paying for Paul Bernardo's crime will translate into compensation for him.

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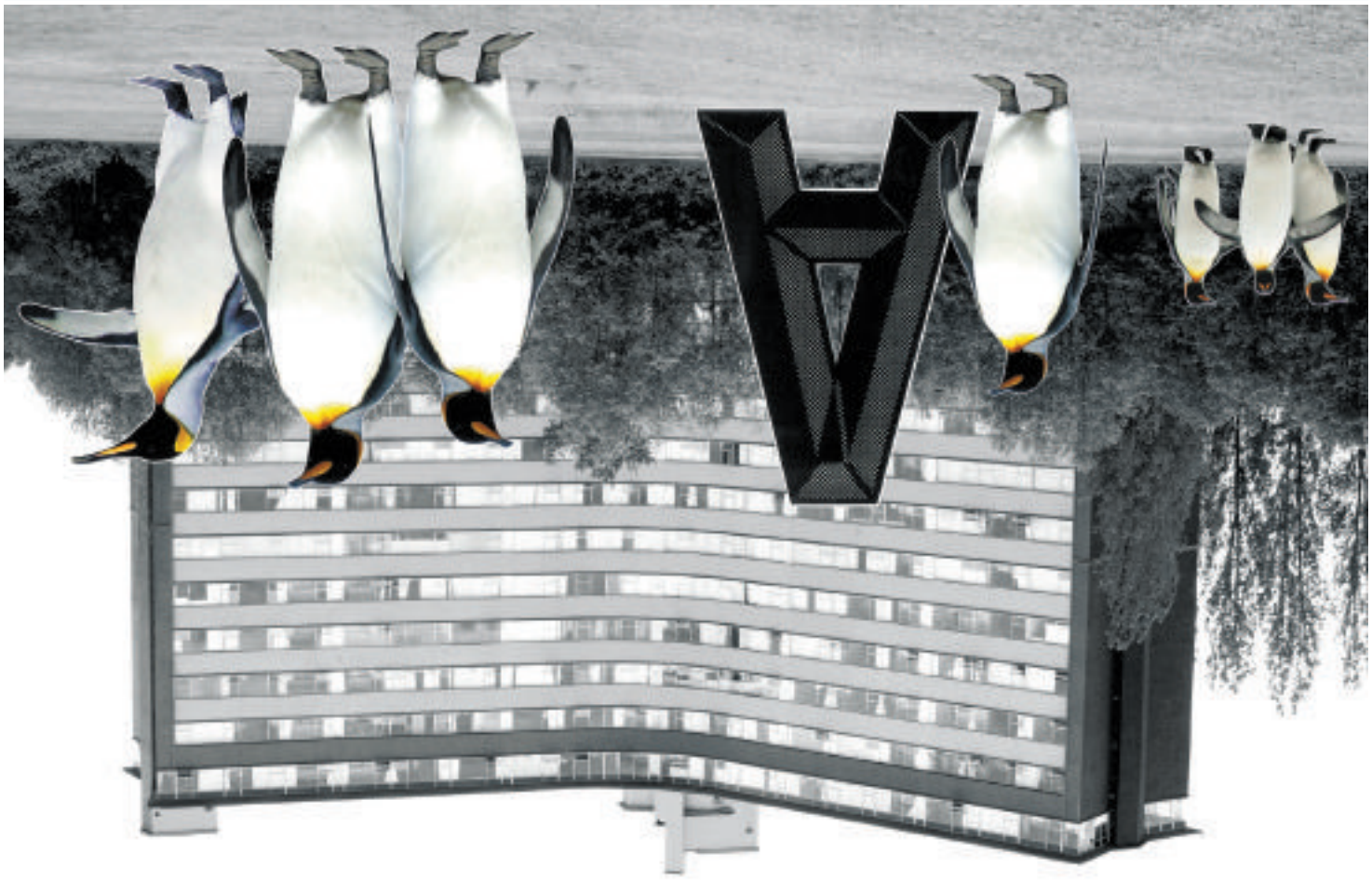

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business world

RIM heralds 'flurry' of new products

BlackBerry maker goes head-to-head with rivals

Co-CEO Jim Balsillie said yesterday that BlackBerry-maker Research In Motion Ltd. will roll out a "flurry" of new products through the second half of the year, and that the pricing of some devices could be lowered in a bid to drive further acceptance.

A similar strategy has been adopted by Apple, which said earlier this month that its second-generation iPhone would cost as little as $199 US with carrier subsidies, compared to $399 US for the existing model.

RIM yesterday reported fiscal first-quarter earnings that more than doubled to $482.5 million US. Sales rose to $2.24 billion as RIM's global subscriber base grew by 2.3 million to a total of about 16 million. However, RIM failed to meet the market's expectations for earnings for the first time in five quarters. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

6 dead at Kentucky plant

Worker argued with boss before shootings: Police

A worker at a plastics plant in Kentucky shot and killed five people inside the factory yesterday and wounded a sixth before killing himself, police said.

Local media reports said the violence was triggered by a dispute the 25-year-old man had with a supervisor, who was among the dead.

The police department in Henderson, Ky., said the man who did the shooting entered the Atlantis Plastics plant in Henderson and began firing a handgun. He was not immediately identified.

The shooter, who died of a self-inflicted wound, and one of his victims were pronounced dead inside the plant.

Four others were pronounced dead after being taken to hospitals and a sixth victim was in stable condition at a hospital in Evansville, Ind., police said.

Atlantis, which has a number of U.S. plants, produces molded plastics at the Henderson facility. REUTERS

random victims

» One local media report said most of the victims appeared to have been shot at random and were scattered around the plant.

Argentina **Activists protest use of fur**

MARCOS BRINDICCI/REUTERS

Activists clad in underwear with red body paint protest against the use of fur in Buenos Aires, Argentina, yesterday.

pharmaceuticals

Biovail rejects slate by founder Melnyk

VOTE Biovail Corp. shareholders overwhelmingly rejected a dissident slate of directors proposed by company founder Eugene Melnyk, opting to stick with the current board, the biotech company said yesterday. Melnyk said he would challenge the result in court. REUTERS

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» **ENCANA** Indigo Minerals LLC said yesterday it will sell some of its acreage in northwestern Louisiana to EnCana Corp. for $457 million US, just over a week after EnCana announced its entrance into the hot exploration region.

» **EXXON** The U.S. Supreme Court threw out the $2.5 billion US in damages that Exxon Mobil had been ordered to pay for the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill. REUTERS

Africa

Zimbabwe vote a 'sham,' Bush says

ELECTION President George W. Bush yesterday called run-off elections to be held in Zimbabwe tomorrow a "sham" and accused President Robert Mugabe's government of intimidation.

animals

Spain looks to give apes rights

LEGISLATURE Spain's parliament voiced its support yesterday for the rights of great apes to life and freedom in what will apparently be the first time any national legislature has called for such rights for non-humans. REUTERS

IOC rebukes China for speech

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) told China yesterday to stop mixing sport and politics after a speech by Tibet's Communist Party boss at the end of last weekend's Beijing torch relay leg in Lhasa.

"The IOC regrets that political statements were made during the closing ceremony of the torch relay in Tibet," the IOC said in a brief statement.

"We have written to BOCOG (Beijing Games organizers) to remind them of the need to separate sport and politics and to ask for their support in making sure that such situations do not arise again." REUTERS

let the bidding begin

» Beijing Olympic organizers are planning to auction some 200 million items of Olympic memorabilia after the Games are over, including the bed of the country's 7-foot-6 NBA All-star Yao Ming.

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» **MILITANTS** Saudi Arabia has detained 520 suspected al Qaeda-linked militants since January, accusing some of them of planning car bomb attacks against an oil installation in the kingdom, the Interior Ministry said yesterday. REUTERS

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The Tampa Bay Lightning and forward Vincent Lecavalier, left, have reportedly agreed to a nine-year deal. TSN.ca reports the star centre agreed to an extension that will pay him $77 million US. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Germany pulls one out

Lahm's late goal helps favourites advance to final

EURO2008

Germany beat Turkey 3-2 in another Euro 2008 thriller yesterday to line up a final on Sunday against either Russia or Spain and end their opponents' roller-coaster ride through the tournament.

Turkey, who saved themselves with late goals in three previous matches, appeared to have repeated the feat when Semih Senturk equalized to make it 2-2 in the 86th minute and seemingly force extra time.

But Germany, who had been second best for most of the match against a side ravaged by suspensions and injury, took a page from Turkey's book and came back themselves in the final minute of normal time to snatch victory at St Jakob Park in Basel, Switzerland.

Defender Philipp Lahm, who had failed to stop the cross that led to Turkey's equalizer, emerged as the match winner after playing a one-two with Thomas Hitzlsperger and lashing the ball high into the net past goalkeeper Rustu Recber.

"It was one of most beautiful moments in my life, getting into the final," Lahm said. "That's always beautiful. We missed that at the (2006) World Cup. Today it worked out. We want to win the title."

Turkey coach Fatih Terim congratulated Germany and added: "I am proud of my players and think their will to play well, and the technical support, all came together and they were able to show the world what a good team they were.

"I think we are leaving as the most colourful team of the tournament." REUTERS

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Germany's Philipp Lahm, centre, celebrates after scoring in the 90th minute against Turkey during semifinal action yesterday at Euro 2008 in Basel, Switzerland. Lahm's goal proved to be the winner that sent Germany into Sunday's championship final.

Canucks take shot with Wellwood

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There are undoubtedly a number of Canucks' fans that collectively rolled their eyes when Leafs' castoff **Kyle Wellwood** was claimed off waivers yesterday. The undersized, playmaking centre has struggled to stay healthy over the past two seasons and hasn't produced the point totals many expected of him at the NHL level.

That sounds like the description **Brendan Morrison** has often received in this city, and it appears as though **Mike Gillis** is simply replacing Morrison with a younger, cheaper model. That theory is consistent with Gillis' "Moneyball" approach, which is an adaptation of the philosophy detailed in **Michael Lewis**' 2003 book that chronicles **Billy Beane** and the Oakland Athletics.

Though there's not enough room in this column to explain the entire philosophy — one part of the approach involves acquiring talented players whose lack of success may be a direct result of not being in the right situation. Translation: Gillis may believe that Wellwood can be next season's **Anson Carter**, a player whose production will drastically exceed his financial compensation.

» Tonight's season opening tilt between the Lions and Stampeders has already sparked a war of words.

Wally Buono has publicly criticized Calgary counterpart **John Hufnagel** for closing practices to the media this week. Buono is unable to do the same because the Lions' practice facility in Surrey doesn't allow it, and he's calling Hufnagel's cloak-and-dagger act a competitive advantage.

Hufnagel, who happens to be Buono's former offensive co-ordinator, isn't hiding the fact that the veil of secrecy is simply a way to prevent Buono and company from knowing who the Stamps' starters are. As a member of the media, I condemn the closure simply because the CFL needs as much exposure as it can get and preventing reporters from accessing the product they're covering is detrimental. That said, if it only happens this week and it creates a little more animosity between the two teams tabbed as the best in the West, bring it on. If the Leos are leading late in the game, it will be interesting if Buono decides to run up the score in order to make a point to his former understudy.

» Want to weigh in? E-mail me at *scott.rintoul@metronews.ca.*

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Kyle Wellwood

»sports In Brief

» **SOCCER** The Vancouver Whitecaps fell 2-0 to the Montreal Impact in their second game of the CONCACAF Champions League qualifier last night. With the loss they must win both upcoming games against the Toronto FC to have a shot of advancing. Their first game goes July 1st at BMO stadium in Toronto.

» **TENNIS** Third-seed Novak Djokovic became the biggest name to tumble out of Wimbledon when he was dumped 6-4, 7-6, 6-2 yesterday in the second round by Marat Safin. On the women's side, world No. 1 Ana Ivanovic was fortunate to advance, defeating Nathalie Dechy 6-7, 7-6, 10-8. Canadian Frank Dancevic lost 4-6, 7-6, 6-4, 6-4 to American Bobby Reynolds. Others advancing included Serena Williams, Amelie Mauresmo and Roger Federer.

» **NBA** The Toronto Raptors have reportedly agreed in principle to acquire star forward Jermaine O'Neal from the Indiana Pacers. Media reports say the Pacers will get guard T.J. Ford, centre Rasho Nesterovic, an unnamed player and Toronto's 17th pick in tonight's NBA Draft.

» **NHL** The Phoenix Coyotes acquired forward Brian McGrattan from the Ottawa Senators yesterday in exchange for a fifth-round selection in the 2009 draft. McGrattan, 26, recorded three assists in 38 games with the Sens last season.

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MLB

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS
INTERLEAGUE
Boston 5 Arizona 0
Cincinnati 6 Toronto 5 (10 ings)
Kansas City 4 Colorado 2
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San Francisco 4 Cleveland 1
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Washington 5 L.A. Angels 4
St. Louis at Detroit
Chicago Cubs 7 Baltimore 4
Minnesota 9 San Diego 3
Philadelphia 4 Oakland 0
L.A. Dodgers 5 Chicago Sox 0
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Atlanta 4 Milwaukee 2
TODAY'S GAMES
INTERLEAGUE
Tampa Bay at Florida, 9:10
St. Louis at Detroit, 10:05
Baltimore at Chicago Cubs, 11:20
Chicago Sox at L.A. Dodgers, 12:10
Minnesota at San Diego, 12:35
Philadelphia at Oakland, 12:35
N.Y. Yankees at Pittsburgh, 4:05
San Francisco at Cleveland, 4:05
Cincinnati at Toronto, 4:07
Texas at Houston, 5:05

CFL

WEEK 1
TODAY'S GAMES
Montreal at Hamilton, 4
B.C. at Calgary, 7
TOMORROW'S GAME
Toronto at Winnipeg, 5
SATURDAY'S GAME
Edmonton at Saskatchewan, 4:30

SOCCER

GAMES FEATURING THE VANCOUVER WHITECAPS' MEN'S TEAM:
LAST NIGHT'S RESULT
Montreal 2 VANCOUVER 0

BASEBALL

NORTHWEST LEAGUE GAMES FEATURING THE VANCOUVER CANADIANS:
LAST NIGHT'S RESULT
Yakima 1 VANCOUVER 0
TONIGHT'S GAME
VANCOUVER at Yakima, 7:05

EURO 2008

SEMIFINALS
YESTERDAY'S RESULT
Germany 3 Turkey 2
TODAY'S GAME
Russia vs. Spain, 11:45

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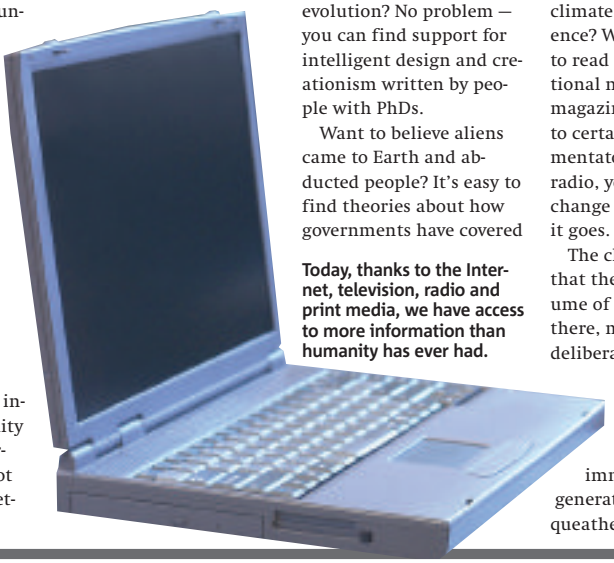
DAVID SUZUKI & DR. FAISAL MOOLA

Last month, I attended the 50th anniversary of my college graduation.

A week later, I celebrated my grandson's graduation from high school. I don't think I was much different from the kids in my grandson's class when I began my last year of college in 1957.

I began speaking out on television five years later in 1962 because I was shocked by the lack of understanding of science at a time when science as applied by industry, medicine and the military was having such a profound impact on our lives. I felt we needed more scientific understanding if we were to make informed decisions.

Today, thanks to the Internet, television, radio and print media, we have access to more information than humanity has ever had. To my surprise, this access has not equipped us to make better decisions. That's largely because we now have access to so much information that we can find support for any prejudice or opinion.



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Don't want to believe in evolution? No problem — you can find support for intelligent design and creationism written by people with PhDs.

Want to believe aliens came to Earth and abducted people? It's easy to find theories about how governments have covered up information on extra-terrestrial aliens.

Think human-induced climate change is junk science? Well, if you choose to read only certain national newspapers and magazines and listen only to certain popular commentators on television or radio, you'll never have to change your mind. And so it goes.

The challenge today is that there is a huge volume of information out there, much of it biased or deliberately distorted. As I think about my grandson, his hopes and dreams and the immense issues my generation has bequeathed him, I realize what he and all young people need most are the tools of skepticism, critical thinking, the ability to assess the credibility of sources, and the humility to realize we all possess beliefs and values that must constantly be re-examined.

With those tools, his generation will certainly leave a better world to its children and grandchildren 50 years from now.

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Dr. David T. Suzuki is an award-winning scientist, environmentalist and broadcaster. He is the co-founder of the David Suzuki Foundation in Vancouver where he lives with his wife and two daughters.

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All about balance

Moderate price increases will strengthen market

By **RYAN DeLUCA**
for Metro Vancouver

A recent shift in the Lower Mainland real estate market is welcome news to homebuyers who watched property values increase by double percentage digits over the last few years.

According to the Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver (REBGV), residential property sales in Metro Vancouver have declined 30.7 per cent from May 2007 to May 2008 while listings are up 20.2 per cent. This is a shift from the white-hot market Vancouverites have come to expect over the last few years with multiple offers no longer being the norm.

Dave Watt, REBGV president, said the changes are "good news from an affordability standpoint."

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Residential property sales in Metro Vancouver have declined 30.7 per cent from May 2007 to May 2008.

Watt

"With more property listings and a decline in the number of sales, prices are not increasing as rapidly," Watt said. "The housing market is at a balanced state, sellers have more competition and buyers have more selection."

In the end, it's all about balance. Even with the influx of listings, the moderate price increases will only continue to strengthen the market and decrease the chance of a "market bubble burst," which bodes well for most homeowners and potential purchases.

Greg Carros is the managing broker of Sotheby's International Realty in Vancouver and West Vancouver.

"The selection of properties is the best in years, buyers can now negotiate a deal that makes sense to them," Carros said. "The interest rates are still at record lows and Vancouver as a world-class city is still a bargain for those properties in the core areas. Where else in a major city can you be minutes to the airport, city centre, recreation and cultural events?"

So, while Vancouver remains one of the most expensive markets in the country, the balanced market we're now seeing makes it more affordable for first-time homebuyers to get a firm grasp on the property ladder and feel confident that their investment will boast a healthy return.

Ryan DeLuca is a Realtor with Sotheby's International Realty Canada in Vancouver. He is also host of The Real Estate Minute on Novus TV.

Municipality of Surrey in midst of heavy development

Diversity changing area's reputation

By **ANDREA WOO**
for Metro Vancouver

The municipality of Surrey may not have a glowing reputation as a hot place to live, but local realtors say it's in the midst of heavy development and is one of the most affordable communities in the Lower Mainland.

Ed Wiebe, a realtor for Re/Max Colonial Pacific Realty specializing in Surrey, said that B.C.'s fastest-growing municipality used to have a reputation as a "poor" neighbourhood, but the construction of new homes and plazas, plus the addition of the SkyTrain line, has made it an up-and-coming area.

He also said Surrey has a large selection of detached homes, townhomes and apartments that range from $300,000 to well into the millions.

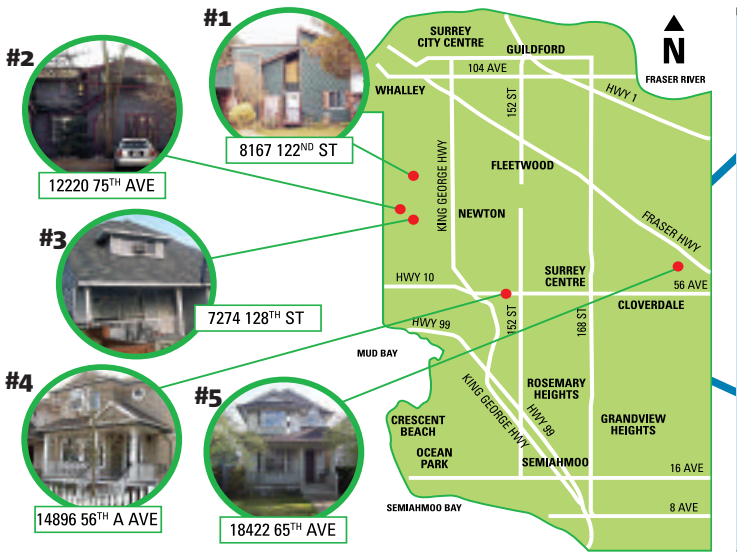
"Surrey's diversity in style, size and lot sizes of homes makes it pretty much affordable for most buyers and owners," he said.

Scott Williams of Money Saver Realty agreed, adding the Panorama, Fleetwood and Cloverdale areas are some of the more popular.

"Those are the big areas that everyone wants to look in," he said. "They're all fairly new and clean with nice houses and good prices ranges."

Both realtors also lauded its proximity to Vancouver.

"People like the fact that you've got the SkyTrain and Alex Fraser, Patullo and Port Mann bridges," said Williams.



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The common-hallway dilemma

Costs related to area upgrade scare some off

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My building is in dire need of what is officially known as a common-hallway improvement. Unfortunately, as the cost of everything from gas to grapes rises, asking all the individual unit-owners to pony up for the dreaded special assessment to get the job done is a tall order. Meanwhile, many owners are facing the fact their long-held plan to flip their unit to leverage in a new building is now fantasy.

This is a typical challenge facing complexes in Vancouver built during the Expo boom era and before. Anecdotal evidence tells me that those condo association AGMs are becoming increasingly heated affairs, with owners arguing for or against cosmetic upgrades in light of property tax increases and bigger operating budgets to cover deficits for unforeseen higher repair costs.

In short, more and more owners can't afford to upgrade their common areas and they can't afford not to.

The factions and voting stalemates can be seen in the hallways of many older buildings in Vancouver. It's in the dim lighting, the nicked walls, the stained carpeting and the neglected landscaping. True, it's just cosmetic, but it's a thin-edge-of-the-wedge situation. If nothing's done, before long none of the owners have any pride in the place, and are either preparing to bolt and leave the problem to the next owner, or are resigned to the fact this shabby building is their home.

> « *Full-spectrum lighting directed onto the floor as well as all doors can de-emphasize featureless walls.* »

Pride of place, it turns out, has more than emotional value.

The sky's the limit when it comes to improving common areas, but there are many inexpensive ways to perk up the place, by focusing efforts on lighting, paint and carpeting.

Lighting is key. Not everything in the hallways has to be bathed in bright lights, however. Full-spectrum lighting directed onto the floor as well as all doors can de-emphasize featureless walls. B.C. Hydro offers rebate incentives for buildings making the switch to low-energy bulbs.

Painting is the lowest-cost way to create the highest impact for updating a space. A very subtle, simple sponge-painting effect, using the paint chip directly beside the one chosen for the walls, helps hide wall imperfections.

New hard-wearing no-pile loop carpeting goes a long way toward improving a hallway. A sensible choice has a range of tones from light to dark as well as an obvious pattern to hide the inevitable permanent stain. Get the owners onside by organizing three options to choose from, from bare-bones to all the extras.

Carlyn Yandle is a Vancouver journalist with her own room-planning business, Home Reworks (www.homereworks.com).

CARLYN YANDLE PHOTO

This common hallway benefits from good directional lighting; chair rails to disguise the drywall seam, paintable textured wallpaper "wainscoting" and busy, high-hiding carpeting that ties in all the colours.

Making a splash with outdoor swim space

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If you think a backyard pool means a rectangular or kidney-shaped pool with a blue liner, think again. Pools these days can be so much more. The design team is thrilled to see some exciting new trends emerging in this area.

Pools were often thought of as purely recreational space for swimming, floating, splashing, playing volleyball, performing cannonballs, and the like. They still are, but they can also be designed to look like natural pools so they fit seamlessly into the environment. They can be designed as a spa, with water jets, seating and temperature controls. They can be lap pools for cardiovascular fitness, and so much more.

Concrete in-ground pools remain expensive, starting around $50,000 for a small pool, (less for other types of liners) but we are finding that people seem to be more willing to spend their recreational dollars at home. After all, the regular drive to the cottage or the gas-guzzling flight to a tropical location will likely become more painful as the price of gas goes up.

And to tell the truth, nobody needs to feel as if they're getting less. We've seen some gorgeous trends in pools — ones that will make the backyard an absolute pleasure to enjoy privately and with many appreciative visitors. These days, there are many ways to create magical places. You won't ever want to leave your home.

One of the newest trends is a "negative edge" or infinity edge pool, with one edge that looks as if it is absent. In reality, the water flows over this edge into a basin, where it is re-circulated back into the pool. The look is stunning in the right environment — such as looking out over a body of water or out from a high place with a vista. Another emerging look is "perimeter overflow," in which the water surface is flush with the decking or stonework surrounding the pool, flowing down invisibly into small basins at the pool's edge. It looks as if a large reflective mirror has been artfully placed in your backyard and is absolutely stunning.

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Waterfalls over stones add a touch of drama to your backyard pool oasis.

Fountains and waterfalls over stones add drama, set into a natural environment, as if the pool were put there by Mother Nature herself. Or you can opt for a contemporary look — say, a concrete support that sends water cascading into the pool in a perfectly smooth sheet of water. Either way, a water feature like this not only looks beautiful, the trickling or splashing sound provides a soothing background noise that masks urban noises.

Lighting can also add a special touch — from floating solar lights that feature shifting colours, to perimeter lighting, to underwater lighting to illuminate bubbling jets. Automated programmable music adds to the experience, from soothing spa sounds to a laid-back jazz evening.

Exposed stone is also a gorgeous natural look, and concrete embedded with pebbles and stones can look natural as well.

Another emerging idea popular with families with children or elderly users is the sloped beach-like entrance, rather than steps or a ladder to enter the water. A shallow "wet-deck" type of pool is great for little ones, but also for adults who want to laze about on their loungers, half-submerged while they sip a cold one, or just nap. This sounds like a great backyard vacation to us.

Tammy Schnurr and Jeffrey Fisher are hosts of Arresting Design on W Network.

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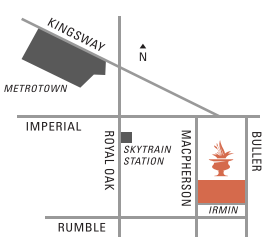

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Rewarding loyal customers

Credit card firms, banks offer many different incentives

Let's say you were walking through a store and you came across a pair of shoes you really wanted, but it was expensive enough for you to say, "Well, I don't really need them." But what if buying those shoes earned you points towards something bigger in the future, such as plane tickets? All of a sudden, that price tag may not seem so high.

That's basically how loyalty and reward programs work: In exchange for shopping exclusively with a retailer or by paying a certain way, customers are in turn rewarded with points they can turn in for luxury items. And Canadians have been participating in them for years — Canadian Tire has been doling out their own dollars and cents since 1958.

Loyalty programs boost profits and provide research for big businesses — and each of them have different rewards initiatives based on the type of customer they're trying to attract. Metro asked major banks and credit card companies across the country to present some of their most successful rewards programs. Here's what we came up with from the ones that responded to our queries, and you can compare them:

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Many banks and credit card companies offer travel rewards as part of their loyalty programs.

SCOTIABANK: It has a few, but its most dynamic is their Scene program, according to John Doig, senior vice-president of marketing, sales and service. It's a joint venture with Cineplex targeted at movie-goers and has gained more than 810, 000 members in 12 months. Customers get an immediate 10 per cent off on movie concessions and earn points through buying tickets at Cineplex theatres. Rewards include free movie admissions.

CIBC: This bank boasts its Aerogold Visa card — one of the country's biggest — as its most valuable rewards initiative. On average, 2,000 Aerogold members fly for free every day, says Ernie Johannson, senior vice-president of marketing for CIBC retail markets. Cardholders earn one mile for every dollar spent, redeemable for flights and other reward items. Other features include guaranteed hotel reservations, insurance coverage and discounted car rentals. The bank recently launched a program where customers get 1.5 miles per dollar if they shop at gas, grocery or drug stores.

RBC: One-stop shopping is the name of the game with RBC's Visa Avion program. Customers earn points through use of the card and can then redeem points for travel with any airline, merchandise, gift cards (among them Future Shop, Golf Town and Starbucks) and can even contribute to RRSPs, RESPs or mortgage and loan payments. The program also lets the more altruistic consumer make donations to charities.

BMO: This bank has gone beyond the use of points with credit cards and expanded into debit card use. Its customers can now collect Air Miles by paying with their BMO debit card. BMO media rep Ralph Marranca says a major reason for this was that last year, the number of debit transactions in Canada surpassed the number of credit card transactions. One of their biggest credit card programs, Marranca notes, is the revamped BMO Mosaik Gold MasterCard, where customers can get a 20 per cent discount on Air Miles redemptions, among other benefits.

TD: The bank's TD Visa Infinite Card touts variety as its major selling point, offering cardholders "book any way" flexibility, travel insurance and services. You can apply your points — three TD points for every $1 you spend on the card — towards deals or promotions with the travel agency, hotel or airline of their choice.

AMEX: This credit card company's AeroplanPlus program offers one travel rewards mile for every dollar spent on the card (Gold members get 1.25 miles per dollar after they've purchased $10,000 with the card within a year). In addition, AMEX offers a Blue Sky credit card, where members pay no annual fees and can redeem their rewards for any airline, hotel, cruise or car rental. Cardholders get 1.25 Blue Sky Points for every $1 of purchases on the card, and free redeemable travel starts at 10,000 points.

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Accessibility key aspect of success

Must be able to exchange points fairly quickly

Initiatives to get your exclusive business are a dime a dozen: Everywhere you look, companies and retailers offer you bonus miles, points, exclusive deals and club memberships. But businesses know that a customer's wants evolve and so must their programs to keep you interested in investing your time and money with them. Here's a look at what the experts call some of the latest trends in loyalty and rewards, and what the successful ones should have.

Reward programs, retail or otherwise, do huge business in Canada, so much so that setting up shop in this country without one is next to unthinkable. The Hudson's Bay Company, for example, offers its HBC Rewards program through all its outlets: The Bay, Zellers and Home Outfitters. It also offers its program through Esso gas stations.

Kelly Hlavinka, managing partner of Colloquy, a Cincinnati, Ohio-based loyalty marketing researcher, says 9 out of 10 Canadians participate in some manner of rewards program (as opposed to 5 out of 10 in the U.S.).

"Canadian customers are clearly looking for more value when they spend their money," she says. "More consumers are expecting loyalty and reward programs from the companies with which they do business."

Accessibility is of key importance, says Neil Everett, senior vice-president and chief marketing officer of Air Miles. For a loyalty program to succeed, customers must be able to exchange their points for rewards fairly quickly after signing up, and there has to be a wide range of redeemable items for different consumers. Boomers, for example, are trading in for flights and cruises, families exchange for amusement park passes, and younger collectors (under 30) are choosing technology and short trips.

"It's starting with identifying your customer and the kind of loyalty you're trying to create, and tied to that is your business objective," said Everett. "You have to create the right incentive and aspirations and make it attainable."

Hlavinka forecasts a bright future for reward programs. More of them will be geared towards women (otherwise known as the primary financial decision-maker in consumer data collecting circles) and technological items such as mobile phones will be more in demand. Experience rewards such as trips will continue to be among the most popular, resulting in a wider range of travel packages being offered.

Soothsaying aside, she notes that a good rewards program, at its heart, should be an accurate reflection of how its customers spend their money.

"It's really a direct result of what customers are engaging in, and the different items they're redeeming their points for," she says.

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Beware of Big Brother?

Firms not likely to mine your details, privacy expert says

By **BRIAN TOWIE**
for Metro Vancouver

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What happens with your personal information when you scan your loyalty and rewards card at the grocery store?

You know the drill: You head to the checkout with your shopping basket and give the salesperson your loyalty and rewards card. They scan it, you pay, and you're that much closer to your reward.

Understand, however, that these types of programs are often two-way streets, and there's a price for the extra benefits you can get: While you're racking up bonus miles and points, retailers are keeping track in their own way by recording your purchasing information — and are privy to data that can tell them when and where you've shopped, how much you've spent, and even the items you've bought.

"They (businesses) can take a look at your transactions and see that you may have a lot of money for discretionary spending and then market to you accordingly," says Michael Janigan, executive director and general counsel with the Public Interest Advocacy Centre in Ottawa. "Or they might look and see that you pay by Visa for amounts as low as $7 — you may be accessible to advertisements for payday loans. There's a whole wealth of information that can be mined in that circumstance. What is marketed to the customer as an incentive to shop at a store is actually something quite different."

You can get a fair idea of what businesses are looking at by the kind of junk mail you get, but would it be possible for a marketer, if they were interested in finding out, to electronically rifle through your shopping basket to find out what kind of condoms you're buying? In some programs, yes. While federal privacy laws under PIPEDA (Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act) dictate businesses require your consent to collect or even disclose such information, contracts with these types of programs are entirely one-sided, says Janigan.

But big business retailers and service companies are often too busy to care about the fine details of your spending habits, says David Fraser, a privacy lawyer with Halifax-based firm McInnes Cooper — noting in-house loyalty programs (a store that sets up and runs its own, for example) are more likely to mine specific information for inventory purposes than those offered across several stores.

A 2002 investigation by the federal Privacy Commissioner found that Air Miles — Canada's largest rewards program at 9.8 million members and counting — collects only basic data from the transaction: The date, store address and name, dollar value, number of miles earned and occasionally the category of purchase and the type of Air Miles card carried.

With the wide popularity of loyalty programs (more than eight million people have Shoppers Drug Mart's Optimum card, for instance), Fraser adds businesses have too much to lose by scrutinizing your personal spending habits. The last thing they want is for you to opt out of their initiative.

"Not everybody is concerned about privacy, but in Canada enough are that it just doesn't make business sense to alienate those people," says Fraser. "They (merchants) get some value from disclosing that information to marketing companies, but the value that they get is not overridden by the damage to the relationship with the customer if they did it without their OK."

» For a list of privacy rights resources online, read this article online at *metronews.ca*.

Many ways to maximize your points

By **RAFAEL BRUSILOW**
for Metro Vancouver

Saving up your reward points for free flights and TVs is an admirable goal, but what if you don't have enough points for the big stuff? Fear not — there are many ways to stretch your reward spending.

The first thing to do is make sure your reward card is giving you the best reward returns on your purchases. Spending a few bucks on annual fees might be worth it to give you the best collection rate for points.

For example, Aeroplan gives users up to double or triple the amount of points, depending on what level of program-approved credit card you use for purchases, while BMO offers a similar reward structure with a Bronze Mosaic Air Miles card.

The next thing to do is realize you don't have to save up thousands of miles just to get some use out of your points. Air Miles customers, for instance, can trade points for gift cards, grocery cards and gas cards. Even as few as 25 Air Miles can get you a movie pass.

Perry Schwartz, senior manager of public relations for Air Miles, says the reward system is designed to let people choose rewards they can use on a daily basis.

"It's built around everyday spending. If people just do what they're doing every day, they can hit that 25 miles reward rather quickly," Schwartz said.

BMO also offers Air Miles rewards using your debit card from a savings account, and most rewards programs give regular promotions such as seasonal discounts of flights booked using reward miles. Retail stores frequently run bonus reward miles promotions too, so keep an eye out for chances to rack up a few extra points with your grocery or drugstore purchase.

While several websites allow you to consolidate your reward points from different sources, be aware that most of them take a heavy cut of your points in the exchange, sometimes as much as 50 per cent. Do your research, pick the reward point program that is right for you and stick with it to maximize the spending power of your points.

Think about bigger picture when spending points

By **RAFAEL BRUSILOW**
for Metro Vancouver

Got plenty of points but don't know what to spend them on? Maybe you need to try thinking big, or really small.

While many expensive toys can certainly qualify as unique purchases — 12,000 Air Miles can net you an electric scooter, for instance — there are plenty of uniquely practical ways to spend your points.

If you've got kids, spending them on family passes to an amusement park will probably be a lot more memorable than another towel set, for instance.

As for big ideas, giving to others is one of the most meaningful, so why not put your reward points to good use by making a donation to charity? Most redemption programs now offer the chance to convert your points into cash donations. If Kids Help Phone or the Special Olympics are important to you, for example, Air Miles runs a program where you can turn 170 reward miles into a $20 donation.

Interesting options aren't just the realm of the big stuff either. Grocery, gas and movie gift cards may not be as flashy, but they can give a lot of bang for your buck as a way to spend your last few points on something useful.

Recently, Air Miles introduced the option for its users to buy iTunes cards, an idea Air Miles' senior public relations manager Perry Schwartz says might not have been thought of years ago but which grew right out of customer suggestions.

"Where we go in terms of rewards is wherever the customer is going. The iTunes thing is definitely a trend we jumped on," Schwartz said.

Despite the growing availability of product options, flights to exotic locales and package vacations are still one of the most customizable reward options and are resurging in popularity, Schwartz says.

Bell Mobility has launched a trial program where cellphones can be used to make purchases through MasterCard PayPass.

PayPass not just for cards anymore

MasterCard customers can now turn their cellphones into credit cards using Bell Mobility's network.

The mobile network giant launched a four-month trial program where enabled phones will be able to make secure purchases at Canadian merchant locations that accept MasterCard PayPass. Customers make transactions by tapping their phones against PayPass terminals at the point-of-sale.

Should the phone be lost or stolen, customers will receive the same fraud protection of conventional MasterCard payments, using password-protected applications should they lose their handsets.

MasterCard Canada said in a statement that ease of shopping was a key factor in the initiative, and it expects a "significant impact on the way services are paid for at the point of sale in the future."

Almis Ledas, vice-president of corporate development for Bell Mobility, said in a statement that the company will share trial findings through their existing partnerships with other wireless carriers, and use the trial to "validate the technology's ability to meet Canadians' high expectations for security, simplicity and convenience."

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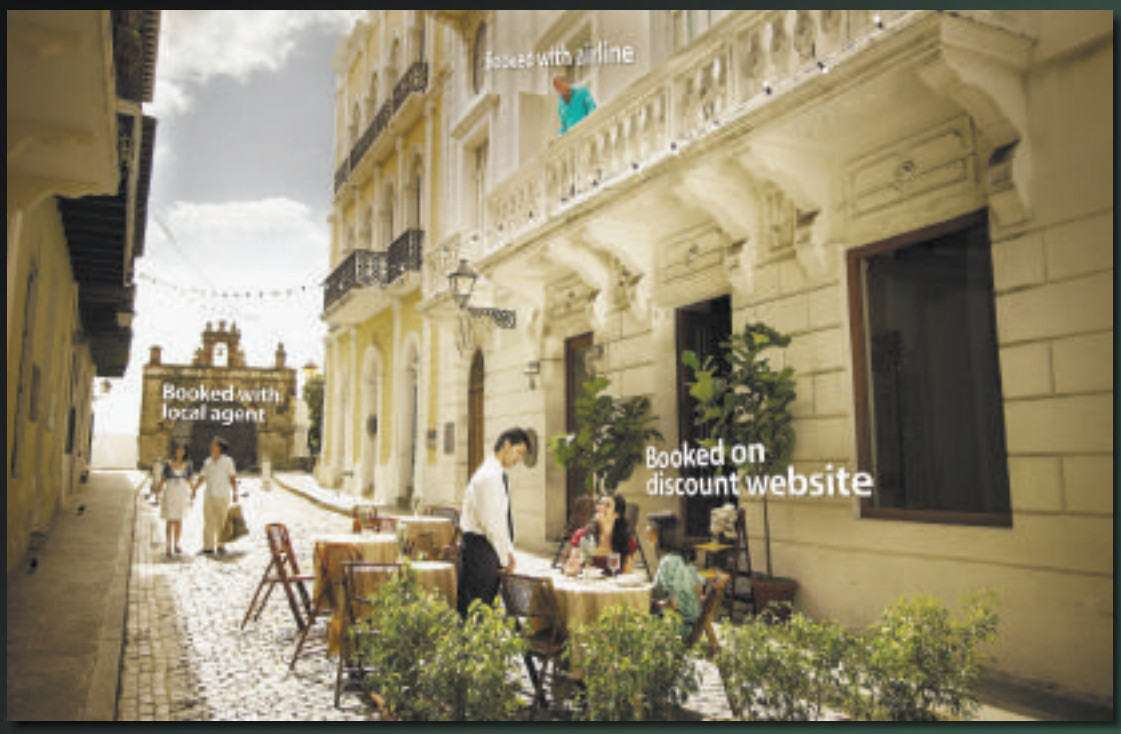

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Supermodel Iman, left, will be returning as host of Project Runway Canada. The new season makes its debut in January 2009. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Free speech at heart of doc

Actor Stein explores volatile world of Intelligent Design

By **RICK McGINNIS**
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Writer, actor and TV personality Ben Stein jumps into the controversial world of Intelligent Design in his documentary Expelled.

Ben Stein admits that he's probably most famous for his deadpan cameo as a teacher in Ferris Bueller's Day Off, though at various times he has been a game show host, a speechwriter for Richard Nixon, and a columnist for Penthouse magazine. His career has had many different chapters, but the latest puts him in the middle of a controversy that most people probably thought had been laid to rest with the Scopes Monkey Trial.

As the narrator and protagonist of the documentary Expelled, Stein goes on a journey through the universities, museums and scientific institutions of American and Britain, trying to figure out just why everyone there seems to be in a rage about Intelligent Design, a theory that suggests that some sort of built-in logic or intervention might be the best way to explain away questions that still bedevil the study of evolution. Jobs have been lost, reputations damaged or even destroyed, and battle lines drawn across almost every scientific discipline.

Stein insists that he was sure that he'd get answers from the Darwinian camp that would make ID look like the joke it's supposed to be. "Three years ago or whenever we started this, I thought I was going to come to a completely different result than the one I came to," Stein says. "I thought I'd just go to (ID's proponents), and I'll say, look, this is an interesting idea but we now know that you guys are fruitcakes, and so we now know the answers. But we never found the answers, and frankly their answers started to sound more and more plausible."

Ultimately, Stein says he remains less interested in scientific theories than freedom of speech, and the way that any debate about ID has been crushed or dismissed outright.

"To tell you the truth, I don't have particularly strong feelings about ID. I have a strong feeling that Darwinism doesn't explain as much as people think it does, but I'm not worried about that one way or another, but I'm very worried about freedom of speech issues. I'm worried about them in the U.S. and, from what I've been told by close Canadian friends, I'm worried about them in Canada, too. I think Canada has some big free speech issues it's facing now."

The battle over ID is typified – not entirely accurately – as one between science and religion, though Stein maintains that the worship of science above morality and the suppression of dissent is at the heart of the worst atrocities of the last century, including the Holocaust.

"My sister, who's a very smart woman, likes to say, 'Your basic human is not such a hot item.' And I think that's a very good understanding of what's gone on in the 20th century, and all the centuries prior to it, and also in this century. How you deal with that is a big, big problem, but telling people what they can and cannot say is not the way to deal with it."

»news
In Brief

» **MUSIC** British rockers Oasis have revealed that their upcoming album will be called Dig Out Your Soul, BBC News reports. The album, recorded in London's famous Abbey Road studios, comes out in U.K. on October 6, preceded by single The Shock of The Lightning. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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West receives two nods at BET awards

Keys hails Obama during show

Rap star Kanye West picked up two prizes Tuesday at the BET Awards, while Alicia Keys was one of several stars who used the occasion to salute presidential contender Barack Obama.

The only other multiple winner was the hip-hop duo UGK, consisting of Bernard "Bun B" Freeman and the recently deceased Chad "Pimp C" Butler. In all 15 awards were handed out during a three-hour show mixing the heroes of contemporary hip-hop and old-school R&B.

Keys, flying high with a successful worldwide tour, a chart-topping album and an upcoming film, shared the stage with three leading female ensemble acts from the 1990s — TLC, En Vogue and Sisters with Voices — for a medley of R&B music.

KEVIN WINTER/GETTY IMAGES

Kanye West, front, and Lil Wayne at BET Awards.

She went on to win the prize for best female R&B artist, and offered a heartfelt endorsement to Obama. "Together we can do anything — Obama, y'all!" she enthused.

Teen sensation Chris Brown, who topped the U.S. singles chart last year with Kiss Kiss, was named best male R&B performer.

Veteran soul crooner Al Green, recipient of a lifetime achievement award, got the audience in the Shrine Auditorium on its feet singing, and dancing, along with his classic 1970s hit Let's Stay Together.

Backstage a short time later, Green apologized. "I'm sorry I didn't sing as well as I should because I got scared. I was nervous," he said.

West, whose third album, Graduation, was one of 2007's top-selling releases and spawned three Grammys, was named best male hip-hop artist and shared a second BET prize with R&B singer T-Pain for their collaboration on the hit single Good Life. REUTERS

music
Coldplay album debuts at No. 1

Martin

CHARTS Rock band Coldplay's new album debuted at No. 1 on the U.S. pop music chart Tuesday, largely bucking the sales slides that have affected other musicians, the group's label said.

Viva La Vida or Death and All His Friends, Coldplay's fourth release, sold more than 720,000 copies in the six days ended Sunday, Capitol Records said.

Its previous album, X&Y, also debuted at No. 1, selling 737,000 copies during its first week in June 2005. REUTERS

Man cleared in bribe case

Winehouse's husband pleaded guilty to attack

A pub landlord was cleared Wednesday of taking a 200,000 pound ($394,000) bribe to spare his attackers, one of whom was British soul singer Amy Winehouse's husband, from jail.

The jury at Snaresbrook Crown Court in east London found James King, 36, not guilty of perverting the course of justice.

Winehouse's husband Blake Fielder-Civil and Michael Brown both pleaded guilty to attacking King in London in June, 2006, and to trying to bribe him.

Fielder-Civil, 26, faces up to five years in prison when he is sentenced at a later date.

King told the trial that he had been intimidated into withdrawing his statement against Fielder-Civil and Brown by middlemen seeking to broker a deal to buy his silence.

The two middlemen have pleaded guilty to perverting the course of justice.

Grammy-winning singer Winehouse, who has been fighting drug addiction and who was rushed to hospital last week after fainting at home, was in court earlier this month to support Fielder-Civil during pre-trial hearings.

The 24-year-old has been in hospital since her collapse, and her father told a newspaper she was suffering from the lung condition emphysema. A publicist has since backtracked, saying she had early signs of what could lead to the condition.

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Troubled 24-year-old singer Amy Winehouse has been in hospital since her collapse.

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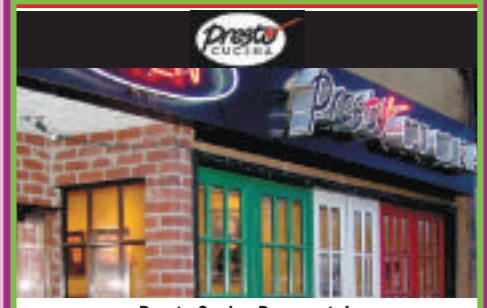
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Queen knights author Rushdie

Went into hiding after writing The Satanic Verses

Author Salman Rushdie has been knighted by the Queen in London for his services to literature, BBC News Online reports.

Rushdie

Muslims around the world condemned the award when it was announced last year in the Monarch's Birthday Honours list.

Sir Salman, 61, who has written a number of acclaimed books, went into hiding in 1989 after the publication of his book The Satanic Verses.

The novel sparked widespread protests by Muslims and Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini issued a fatwa against him.

> « *I just think it's a great moment for anyone to have 35-odd years of work recognized in this way.* »
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> *Author Salman Rushdie*

Khomeini called the book a blasphemy against Islam and sentenced Sir Salman to death.

Since returning to public life in 1998 when the Iranian government lifted their support for the fatwa, Sir Salman has not shied away from controversy.

Speaking after he was presented with the award at Buckingham Palace, he said: "I'm very proud, very happy."

When asked whether he thought accepting the honour had undermined his credibility he said: "I just think it's a great moment for anyone to have 35-odd years of work recognized in this way."

Sir Salman explained he chose not to have footage of himself accepting the award form the Queen for no other reason other than it was a "private moment."

He also explained how he had no regrets writing The Satanic Verses, despite the problems that occurred.

"If you're lucky enough to have one book that gets into people's consciousness in that way, then it's fortunate," he said. "But I'm more interested in my more recent work really," he added.

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Photocall **Africa Rising**

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Naomi Campbell, left, and Nduka Obaigbena attend a photocall to promote Thisday's 3rd Africa Rising at The Royal Albert Hall yesterday in London. Africa Rising is an all-star music and fashion festival campaigning for Africa.

»news In Brief

» **AWARDS** The Disney fairytale Enchanted picked up three awards Tuesday at the 34th annual Saturn Awards, which honour science fiction, fantasy and horror movies and TV shows. Its haul included best fantasy film, actress (Amy Adams), and music (Alan Menken). Cloverfield was named best science fiction film, Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street best horror film, and 300 best action/adventure/thriller film. ABC's Lost won four trophies, best network television series.

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Actress Taylor Momsen, right, 14, who stars on Gossip Girl, has just signed to IMG Models, the agency has confirmed. PEOPLE.COM

Sopranos garb garners big bucks

Auction sells show's clothes for charity

Tough North Jersey mob boss Tony Soprano from hit TV series The Sopranos whacked buyers' bank accounts at Christie's yesterday when his wardrobe sold for $187,750 US — four times the auction house's forecast.

James Gandolfini, who played Soprano for six seasons over 8½ years, sold his personal costume wardrobe in 25 lots at Christie's pop culture auction, with all proceeds going to Wounded Warrior, a charity that helps wounded U.S. troops.

The top lot was a bloody outfit worn when Soprano was shot at the beginning of season six by Uncle Junior in a fit of dementia, which sold for $43,750, nearly 12 times Christie's pre-sale estimate for the outfit.

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Clothes warn by James Gandolfini, second from right, who portrayed mob boss Tony Soprano in the hit HBO show The Sopranos, sold FOR over $185,000 at a Christie's auction yesterday. The money raised went to Wounded Warrior, a charity that helps wounded U.S. troops.

Gandolfini was at the auction to see Soprano's signature white tank top, light blue striped boxer shorts, striped short robe and leather scuffs go under the hammer for $21,250, again soaring above the pre-sale estimate of $1,500.

Another robe — forecast to go for $1,500 — fetched $13,750, while the blue shirt worn by the mob boss in the opening credits of the TV show sold for the same amount, well above the estimate of between $2,000 and $3,000.

Also up for grabs were a selection of costumes worn by other Sopranos characters, including Junior Soprano, Paulie Walnuts and A.J. Soprano.

The award-winning HBO series broke new ground for television: portraying a conflicted man who tries to balance family life with his Mafia career. REUTERS

» going out

8 p.m. Jazz players The Golden Wedding Band featuring indie, folk and rock. At Oasis Ultra Lounge, 1240 Thurlow St. Tix: $5. Info: *oasisvancouver.com*.

8 p.m. The Tempest. At Bard On The Beach, 301-601 Cambie St. Tix: $33. Info: *bardonthebeach.org*.

9 p.m. DJ D.Ramirez spins progressive, house and electronic. At Shine Nightclub, 354 Water St. Tix: $15. Info: *shinenightclub.com*.

9 p.m. Rock Orchestra Plastic Acid performs live. At The Plaza Nightclub, 881 Granville St. Tix: $20. Info: *plazaclub.net*.

9 p.m. Constantines take the stage. At Richard's on Richards, 1036 Richards St. Tix: $16. Info: *richardsonrichards.com*.

people

Aiken appeals for aid to Somalia

Aiken

CRISIS Pop singer Clay Aiken, who gained fame on TV talent show American Idol, appealed yesterday for the world not to forget Somalia, where conflict and hunger have created one of the world's worst humanitarian crises. Aiken said U.S. and international interest in Somalia had been minimal since failed military intervention in the early 1990s.

"There hasn't been much discussion of Somalia since the early 1990s in the U.S.," said Aiken, a U.N. goodwill ambassador, on a visit to Somalia. REUTERS

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288	380	21	ABC	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Ugly Betty (CC)		Grey's Anatomy (CC)		Hopkins (Series Premiere) (N)		News (N)
-	-	23	KVOS	M*A*S*H	Scrubs (CC)	Meteor ★★ (1979) Sean Connery, Natalie Wood, Karl Malden.				Will & Grace	Scrubs (CC)	Seinfeld
291	383	27	PBS	Steves Europe	Ask This Old	Nature "Underdogs"		Nova (CC) (DVS)		Frontline/World (N)		Real Age
290	382	28	FOX	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Smarter Than a 5th Grader?		So You Think You Can Dance		News (N) (CC)		Family Guy
-	364	29	PBS	Pioneers in Aviation		Red Green	Time Goes By	Tavis Smiley	Charlie Rose (N) (CC)		This Old Hse.	Hometime
296	654	34	SBK	Frasier (CC)	Frasier (CC)	Cheers (CC)	South Park	Comics Un.	Half & Half	Entertainment	The Insider	Paid Program
298	653	35	TLA	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Smallville "Lara" (CC)		Supernatural (CC)		KTLA Prime News (CC)		Friends (CC)
295	651	36	WGN	WGN News at Nine (N) (CC)		Family Guy	Two/Half Men	Sex and-City	Friends (CC)	Will & Grace	Will & Grace	My Wife-Kids
297	652	37	WPX	CW11 News at Ten		Two/Half Men	Friends (CC)	Sex and-City	Will & Grace	Frasier (CC)	George Lopez	Card Sharks
199	311	76	STR	News (N)	News		Late Show-Letterman			(:37) Last Comic Standing (N) (CC)		Late Late
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502	390	23	NW	The Nature of Things (N)		CBC News: The National (N)		CBC News: The National		The Nature of Things (CC)		National
500	500	43	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)		Cooper 360
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407	419	22	RSP	Sportsnet Connected		Soccer UEFA Euro 2008 Semifinal -- Teams TBA.				Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Sportsnet
400	400	30	TSN	CFL Football BC Lions at Calgary Stampeders. From McMahon Stadium in Calgary. (CC)						SportsCentre (Live) (CC)		SportsCentre
411	457	49	OLN	Don't Forget Your Passport		Pilot Guides (CC)		Don't Forget Your Passport		Everest: Man	Jet Set (CC)	Mark Williams
410	403	54	SCR	Score Tonight		The Spin	Poker Aussie Millions		Cabbie Stars	Score Update		Score Update
417	406	55	SC	Low Life	Low Life	Pinks	Pass Time	Monster Jam		Pinks -- All Out		Low Life
416	409	144	GLF	Fútbol Ecuatoriano		Gol TV News		Extra Time		Gol TV News		Gol TV News
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552	543	25	YTV	Malcolm-Mid.	Prank Patrol	Fries That?	Futurama	Prank Patrol	Mystery Hunt	Falcon Beach (CC)		Mystery Hnt.
555	545	50	TEL	George	Scooby Doo	Scooby-Doo	6teen (CC)	Total Drama	Futurama	Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow (CC)		
557	541	51	FAM	That's-Raven	Smart Guy	Zack & Cody	Natural-Sadie	Han. Montana	Life Derek	Ned's School	Cory in House	Zack & Cody
553	546	56	TRE	Comfy Couch	Rolie Polie	Beren. Bears	Dragon	Backyard	Dora-Explorer	Crazy Quilt	Treetown	Comfy Couch
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268	354	5	KNO	Profiles of Nature		Big Ideas	Design e2	Around the World		No. 57: History-House		King-Empire
575	583	20	CMT	Home Imp.	Roseanne	Dedicated (N)		Reba (CC)	Hope & Faith	Home Imp.	Roseanne	Ed (CC)
570	580	24	MM	Instant Star	MuchTopTens Top 10.		Gone Wild	Punk'd (CC)	Gone Wild	Muchmusic Countdown (CC)		
600	564	29	H&G	Handyman Superstar		Handyman Superstar		Restaurant Makeover (N)		Disaster DIY	The Big Flip	Handyman
615	520	31	A&E	Crime 360 (CC)		Back in the Hood		The First 48 "Memphis"		The First 48 (CC)		Crime 360
628	584	32	SPKE	(6:00) TNA iMPACT! (N) (CC)		World's Most Amazing Videos		When Stunts Go Bad 2! (CC)		World's Most Amazing Videos		Disorderly
521	560	34	TLC	Miami Ink "Tim's Pinups"		American Chopper		Miami Ink "Tim's Pinups"		Overhaulin' (CC)		Rides (CC)
616	522	39	SHO	ReGenesis "The End" (CC)		Intelligence "Dante's Inferno"		G-Spot (CC)	Exes & Ohs	Secret Diary	Secret Diary	House (CC)
620	523	40	BVO	(6:00) An Ideal Husband (CC)		Law & Order "Deceit" (CC)		Without a Trace (CC)		Not One Less ★★ (1999) Wei Minzhi. (CC)		
601	562	41	SLC	Biggest Loser Australia (N)		Rich Bride, Poor Bride (CC)		Last 10	Bulging Brides	Biggest Loser Australia (CC)		Trading Sp
520	505	42	DIS	MythBusters "Vodka Myths"		Daily Planet (CC)		Sport Science		Real Superhumans-Quest Future Fantastic		
522	506	44	HIS	NCIS "Terminal Leave" (CC)		War Planes "Jet" (CC)		War Planes F-22 Raptor.		NCIS "Terminal Leave" (CC)		Crime Stories
627	528	45	SPC	(6:00) The Lost Room (CC)		Stargate SG-1 "Forsaken"		Star Trek: Voyager (CC)		Star Trek: Enterprise (CC)		Star Trek Gen.
294	650	47	TBS	The Man ★★ (2005) (PA) Samuel L. Jackson, Eugene Levy.				Sex and-City	Sex and-City	Bill Engvall	(:25) My Boys	The Man ★★
619	525	48	TROP	Inside Hollywood		ET Canada	What	Family Guy	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Frasier (CC)	Family Guy
603	561	52	FN	Secret Life of	Secret Life of	Ace of Cakes (CC)		Iron Chef America (CC)		Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Secret Life of
626	547	57	COM	Air Farce	22 Minutes	Laughs	Rick Mercer	The Simpsons	South Park	Just for Laughs		Daily Show
320	621	60	CEN	(6:15) Comeback Season ★★		The Hunting Party ★★ (2007) Richard Gere.				(:45) Martian Child ★★ (2007) John Cusack, Amanda Peet.		
581	566	101	MTV	True Life (CC)		MTV Live (CC)		The Real World (CC)		True Life (CC)		MTV Live
261	394	102	V	(6:00) The Innocents ★★★★		Emily of New Moon (CC)		The Innocents ★★★★ (1961, Horror) Deborah Kerr.				May-Dec.
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critics' corner

Ugly Betty
Poor Betty (America Ferrera). Everyone's trying to keep her away from Henry (Christopher Gorham) because he's going to leave her heartbroken, but the heart wants what it wants. A date to see the musical "Wicked" leads to some embarrassing moments for the two of them, along with Daniel (Eric Mabius) and the would-be advertiser (Marlo Thomas) he's trying to woo. Freddy Rodriquez also stars in "Something Wicked This Way Comes." 8 PM on ABC

Hopkins
Can't decide between "ER" and the reality series du jour? As a wise old beer commercial once said, why not have it all? This six-part miniseries, a follow-up to 2000's "Hopkins 24/7," takes you inside Baltimore's fabled Johns Hopkins Hospital — where the real-life drama never stops. Shot over a period of more than four months, it profiles patients in crisis and the medical staff treating them; pressure-cooker moments abound. 10 PM on ABC

Celebrity Buzz

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Dark Knight snub 'absurd'

Family affair: Michelle Williams has dismissed reports she is snubbing the premiere of Batman Begins sequel The Dark Knight because of a bust-up with her late boyfriend Heath Ledger's parents, *femalefirst.co.uk* reports.

Reports suggest Williams wouldn't attend the screening of Ledger's last complete film because she is angry with Ledger's father Kim's handling of the actor's estate.

But her representative, Mara Buxbaum, insists the claim is "absurd."

She tells *People.com*, "The presumption that Michelle ever intended to attend The Dark Knight premiere is unfounded, but to say she is 'boycotting' due to a rift with Heath's family is absurd.

"It is time to allow this family to go about their lives without this continued scrutiny and speculation."

Ledger's parents and sister will jet to New York from their home in Australia to attend the premiere on July 14 — six months after Ledger took a fatal overdose of prescription drugs at his Manhattan home.

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goodbye

No more partying, Osbourne says

PEOPLE Don't expect to see photos of Kelly Osbourne out and about, *Ananova.com* reports. The singer and TV star says her partying days are behind her. Chatting to Closer magazine, Kelly said: "The social scene has finished for me. I'm not falling out of clubs every night like lots of celebs my age — I wouldn't be a functional human being if I was. I was going out a lot, I was drinking a lot and it wasn't attractive."

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Celebrity brief

RELATIONSHIP John Mayer might have broken Minka Kelly's heart when he left her for Jennifer Aniston — but he had the decency to call her before the news about them hit the press, *PageSix.com* reports. A pal of Kelly's said, "Minka received a call from John (and) he apologized (saying), 'Sorry, but I'm really in love.'"

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Bateman bans the booze

PEOPLE Juno star Jason Bateman has gone teetotal after his wife persuaded him to give up alcohol, *imdb.com* reports. The 39-year-old star hasn't had a drink in four years and puts his newfound clean living down to a desire to grow up and leave his adolescence behind.

Bateman also credits his wife with helping him give up booze — because she never liked him drinking.

He says, "I've spent all my fun chips and now I've parked my drinking boots in the closet. I haven't had a drink in four years."

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Theron too lazy to be a diva

CELEBRITY Charlize Theron says she is too "lazy" to ever be a diva, *femalefirst.co.uk* reports. The Oscar-winning actress insists she hasn't let fame go to her head and she is far too laid back to make outrageous demands. She said: "You know what, I'm lazy and to be a diva takes a lot of energy and so that's why I don't do it because I just don't have the energy. It's a lot of work to be a diva. People forget. It's hard to yell at people and it's really hard to hit them. If I had more energy I would do it. I hit my publicist this morning. Apparently that doesn't go over too well."

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Spears earns overnight rights

CHILDREN Britney Spears has been awarded overnight privileges with her sons, *People.com* reports. The pop star hasn't had her children overnight since January following her forced hospitalization at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. A closed-door hearing was attended by Spears and her ex, Kevin Federline. "I think any judge is pleased to see progress being made by parties in a case," L.A. Superior Court spokesman Allan Parachini said.

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Celebrity brief

PEOPLE Actor Rhys Ifans is reportedly returning to his hometown roots to get over his former fiancee Sienna Miller, *imdb.com* reports. He is said to be "inconsolable" since he split from the British beauty — who allegedly dumped the star due to his possessive ways.

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Celebrity brief

BABY Tori Spelling has confessed her new baby daughter Stella wasn't planned — the tot was a happy accident, *imdb.com* reports. The former Beverly Hills, 90210 star welcomed the new arrival, her second child, earlier this month.

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Diaz dating Aniston's ex?

RUMOURS Actress Cameron Diaz has further fuelled speculation she is in a new relationship with Jennifer Aniston's ex, model Paul Sculfor — after she was snapped smooching with him while out on a walk, *imdb.com* reports. Earlier this month, Diaz was linked to Sculfor after they were spotted dining together at Santa Monica's Il Ristorante di Giorgio Baldi in California. Now, the seemingly loved-up pair were seen enjoying a passionate embrace while taking a stroll on a beach in Los Angeles recently.

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Celebrity brief

MONEY Reese Witherspoon is Hollywood's highest paid actress, according to a new study. The Legally Blonde star pulls in an estimated $15 million to $20 million US per film, putting her at the top of the new Hollywood Reporter rich list, ahead of Cameron Diaz and Nicole Kidman, *People.com* reports. Renee Zellweger, Halle Berry and Julia Roberts also make the new trade top 10.

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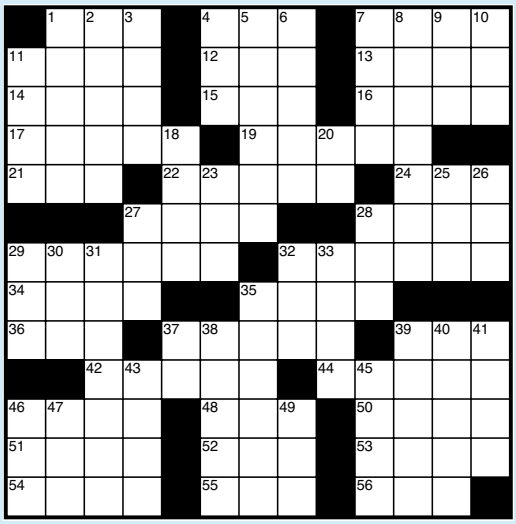

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8 Embarrasses
9 747 or DC-10
10 Logging tool
11 Diplomat's forte
18 Hearty laugh
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27 "Westworld" name
28 Cone bearer
29 Big bird
30 After taxes
31 Was much taller
32 Beat the field
33 Santa —, Calif.
35 Panda fodder
37 Yes, to Fritz
38 Thomas Gray opus
39 Aluminum company
40 Bummer of a car
41 Watched
43 Rochester's Jane
45 Falls behind
46 One of the Seven Dwarfs
47 Festive night
49 Prohibition

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7 Prince of India
11 Rubberized canvas
12 — Zedong
13 Mountain goat
14 Melodramatic cry
15 Inquire
16 Hubby
17 Shrewder
19 Lap dogs
21 Souvenir buy
22 Does as told
24 "Bali —"
27 Patio view
28 Shift or cope
29 Big motorcycle race
32 Sleeve parts
34 Whimper
35 Rude person
36 Tony-winner — Hagen
37 Denims
39 Malt brew
42 Kingdom
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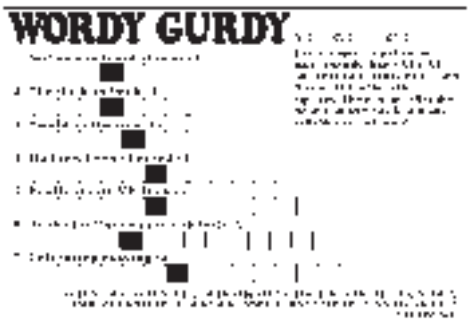

HOROSCOPE

ARIES | March 21-April 20
Mechanical problems cause a commotion. Spread the news about a relative's intentions. A meeting will create changes in policy.

TAURUS | April 21-May 21
Friendly behaviour causes wistful thoughts to arise. A co-worker's drama is comical. A man will show compassion.

GEMINI | May 22-June 21
Dreams of the future start to take shape. Work that you've been doing will begin to pay off. Help a parent with a dilemma.

CANCER | June 22-July 22
Someone wants to discuss "important matters." Lost documents will delay a deal. A painful romance is about to end.

LEO | July 23-Aug. 23
A peculiar tale won't be very satisfying. Be truthful if you're feeling forlorn. Don't pretend that all is well if it isn't.

VIRGO | Aug. 24-Sept. 22
Be careful with weird people. Someone picks up the pieces of a broken heart. Give up on unrealistic concepts of happiness.

LIBRA | Sep. 23-Oct. 23
You'll be sure of someone's secret feelings. Keeping a stiff upper lip puts your nerves on edge. A hermit looks to you for kindness.

SCORPIO | Oct. 24- Nov. 22
Somebody shows the depth of their perception. A mother issues an invitation. A crisis situation comes to a head.

SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 23- Dec. 21
Satisfaction comes in strange packages. The solution to a problem is in your room. A red-haired person won't bother to respond.

CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 20
You'll cope well with a minor setback. Other people's property causes nightmares. There's no point repeating yourself.

AQUARIUS | Jan. 21-Feb. 18
An obsession continues to distract you. A seducer works well with a romantic. Remain firm in the face of silly revelations.

PISCES | Feb. 19-Mar. 20
Be playful with a friendly lover. Your finances will involve displeased strangers. An appointment is missed due to forgetfulness. AVATAR VENUS

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instructions »

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

solve time »

Under 13 minutes	Genius
13-17 minutes	Scholar
17-21	Smart
21-25	Pretty good
More than 25	Keep practising

previous answer

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This Day IN HISTORY

June 26, 1284: According to legend, the Pied Piper lures 130 children of Hamelin away.

June 26, 1870: The Christian holiday of Christmas is declared a federal holiday in the United States.

June 26, 1945: The United Nations Charter is signed in San Francisco.

June 26, 1976: The CN Tower, the tallest free-standing structure in the world, opens.

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Vancouver weather

The Weather Network
theweathernetwork.com

Afternoon	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Mainly sunny. 17°	Clear. Low 12°	Sunny. 20°/16°	Sunny. 25°/16°	Partly cloudy. 24°/16°

Temperature
Normals
High: 19.8°
Low: 11.7°

Records
High: 30.2°/2002
Low: 5°/1949

Sunrise: 5:09 a.m.
Sunset: 9:21 p.m.
Moonrise: 12:38 a.m.
Moonset: 1:58 p.m.

TWN incorporates MSC data

KLAPPSTA armchair $249 was $288. Everöd red. Removable cover. W76×D73×H73cm. RA.

PÅBO pendant lamp
$9.99/ea
was $24.99/ea

PÅBO pendant lamp $9.99/ea was $24.99/ea. Green, red, or transparent. Max 35W. Halogen bulb is included. Ø7cm, cord length 165cm. RA.

BÄSTIS cat/dog tent $7.99 was $14.99. Assorted colours. L48×W48×H40cm. RA.

HELLUM rug
$99
was $199

HELLUM rug $99 was $199. Dark red. Handwoven. 80% wool, 20% nylon. L240×W170cm.

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KLIPPAN loveseat $299 was $329. Vimle green. Removable, washable, 100% cotton slipcover. W180×D88×H66cm. RA.

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